



## Reception and Staging

On 2 March 2004 the 312<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion initiated its movement to Southwest Asia. After saying good-byes to families and friends during manifest operations, the 312<sup>th</sup> took off from Gray Army Airfield on Ft. Hood and, following stops in Atlanta and one of several European cities, arrived in Kuwait City. After in-processing, the 312<sup>th</sup> moved to staging areas to receive equipment and vehicles in preparation for the movement north.



Families wait with their soldiers behind the Battalion area, and soldiers check their carry-ons during manifest operations at Abrams Gym.



CPT Bishop gives his final heart-felt encouragement before departing.



The 312<sup>th</sup> boarding for the flight to Kuwait (left). Soldiers preparing to disembark in Kuwait City (right).



The 312<sup>th</sup> arrives at in theatre and await in-processing, and soldiers enjoying their first sunset in the sand-filled air of Camp New York (top). The Battalion area and moterpool (bottom left). Inside one of the Battalion's air-conditioned tents (bottom right).



Soldiers enroute from the 312<sup>th</sup> BN area to the mess hall, and attempting to fly a kite in the high winds of the open desert.



On the road near Kuwait Bedouins tend their camel herds (left). Moving to a training area in western Kuwait (right).

